

The Board of Education of the Township of the Borough of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on December 13, 2011 in the Verona High School Media Center at 8:00 p.m.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mr. Joseph Bellino, Vice President, Ms. Dawn DuBois, Mr. Glenn Elliott and Mr. Michael Unis.

Also present was: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, two members of the press and 50 citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Quattrocchi at 8:00 p.m. A statement was made that the meeting had been properly advertised in the designated newspapers and the agendas were posted at the appropriate locations.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations

- Gary Vinci presented the 2010-2011 Audit
- Gary Farishian presented fall sports wrap up

Committee Reports-

Finance

- Discussed the audit
- Discussed a special education litigation case that the district has to pay for the parents attorney's fees

Buildings and Grounds

- Discussed emergent needs. About \$40k in needs
- Costs of repairs for storm approximately \$20k. Overtime for the three days is \$12k. We filed these costs to FEMA through the town. We have not heard if we are going to get any reimbursement.
- QSAC building inspection was last week.

Education

- Discussed revised semester electives in Visual and Performing Arts and 21st Century Life & Careers/Technology
- Discussed benchmark assessments
- Resolution for QSAC
- Dual enrollment paperwork submitted to Seton Hall for college credit course in VHS
- Grade books are online at HBW and VHS

Athletics

- Database for school records and team achievements
- Reviewing LAX coach applicants
- 24/7 policy ad hoc committee mission, scope and agenda were presented to the Board. Mr. Elliott would like to see broader committee to include parents and staff from the community
- Parent forms for athletics will be online
- Athletic manual is currently being updated
- Election day gym usage
- Recommendation that home schooled students will be allowed to participate in VHS athletics

Superintendent's Report

- Genesis parent portal is open.
- Would like to email parents a link to the website that gives parents notices of what is going on in the district
- QSAC review noted a better design for the VHS Media Center
- Dual enrollment with Seton Hall
- Freshman seminar included an individual from Morgan Stanley
- Went into detail on all the events happening at all the schools

Mr. Forte presented the EVVRS Report for the 2010-2011 School Year.
Mr. Forte presented the HIB Report to date.

Discussion

- Board discussed policies that will appear in resolutions at a future meeting
- Board discussed the 2011-2012 District Calendar and the effect of the snow days. Currently the district has used all three snow days. Mr. Forte proposed banking two days to include January 2nd and January 16th. The Board felt that January 2 is too soon to consider since parents and staff have planned vacations through that date.
- Mr. Elliott indicated that there is a bill introduced in the state on moving the date of the School Elections from April to November.

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-28**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

#1 RESOLVED that the Board approve the minutes of the following meeting:

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting, November 29, 2011

Personnel Resolutions

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Classroom Aide for the 2011-2012 school year.

Nicholas Freda 4th grade-Laning 25 hrs per week at \$12.25 per hour

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Max Thiele** as a volunteer Ice Hockey Coach for the 2011-2012 school year.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Corrie Rusignuolo** as 6th Grade teacher at HBW, to begin on January 3, 2012, BA/Step 2 at a salary of \$46,413 for the 2011-2012 school year.

- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve maternity leave of absence for **Maria Perri**, Grade 2/ F.N. Brown, to begin on or about May 7, 2012 returning September 1, 2013.

- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board rescind maternity leave of absence for **Kimberly Paine**, School Psychologist/HBW, to begin on or about February 2, 2012 returning September 1, 2012.

- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve maternity leave of absence for **Kimberly Paine**, School Psychologist/ HBW, to begin on or about January 13, 2012 returning September 1, 2012.

- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board rescind **Juliana Paradiso** as maternity leave replacement for Kim Paine, Psychologist, HBW to begin on or about February 2, 2012 ending on June 30, 2012 at a rate of \$256.30 per diem.

- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Juliana Paradiso** as maternity leave replacement for Kim Paine, School Psychologist/ HBW to begin on or about January 9, 2012 ending on June 21, 2012 at a rate of \$256.30 per diem.

- #10 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Frank DeMaio** as maternity leave replacement for Dana Ahmuty, Teacher of English/Broadcast Journalism/VHS, BA/Step 1 at a rate of \$230.31 per diem to begin on or about January 13, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

- #11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Kimberly Cecchini** as maternity leave replacement for Meredith Bielen, Special Education /HBW, MA/Step 2 at a rate of \$258.03 per diem to begin on or about January 3, 2012 through May 18, 2012.

- #12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Kay Rosenberg** as Special Education Teacher at HBW, MA/ Step7 at a salary of \$57,271 to begin on January 3, 2012 for the 2011-2012 school year.

- #13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Mauris Jackson** for a medical leave of absence to begin on November 18, 2011 for 4-6 weeks and returning on January 3, 2011.

- #14 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following **Substitute Teachers** for the 2011-2012 school year:

Substitute Teachers					
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience
Cecchini	Kimberly	Tch.Handi/Elem K-5	Rutgers/NJ Univ.	BA/MA	Teacher
Rosenberg	Kay	Elem/Tch. Handi.	Stevens Inst. Of Tech.	BS/MA	Teacher

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following student observers, intern and student teachers:

Observer

Disilvestro, Deanna	SHU	1/23-3/0/12	Observation	72 hours	BKD/Symczak/Gr 2
Prigge, Caitlyn	Cald	1/30-5/4/12	Observation	40 hours	VHS/Cashill/Math
Hulin, Lindsay	Cald	1/30-5/4/12	Observation	40 hours	FNB/Perri/Gr 2
Caruso, Monica	Cald	1/30-5/4/12	Observation	60 hours	FOR/Weiss/Kdg
DiMartino, Alexis	MSU	1/9-5/31/12	Intern	full time	HBW/Warshaw/Guidance
Spencer, Deborah	Blmfd	1/9-5/31/12	Stud. Teaching	full time	HBW/Pietrucha/Science
Candio Sekel, Caitlin	Cald	1/13-5/4/10	Stud Teaching	full time	½ sem/Bifulco/FOR/Spec Ed. ½ sem/Bavolar/FOR/Gr 1
Puma, Michael	Cald	1/23-3/30/12	Observation	72 hours	FOR/Gesario/Gr 3

Curriculum and Special Education

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve Room 53 at VHS as change of use from Home Economics to TV Studio.

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following items at Verona High School as a result of a grant from the Verona Service League:

18 Lap Top computers	\$9,344.70
2 MAC Desk Top & 1 MAC Lap Top computers	\$5,066.00

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2011-2012 Statement of Assurance and District Performance Review as required by NJQSAC.

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of revised semester electives in Visual and Performing Arts and 21st Century Life & Careers/Technology.

#20 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Vasi Givas, Amy Quinn and Denise Breckinridge** to attend the class “Praxis: Evaluation and Treatment of the Clumsy Child” at PG Chambers School, Oak Knolls, N.J on January 20, 2012 at a cost of \$200 per person funded through IDEA.

#21 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following student for home instruction:

<u>Student ID #</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
071394	VHS	12	10hrs	2wks	12/2/11

#22 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following monthly statistical report: **November, 2011** (attached)

Finance

#23 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following IDEA salaries charged to the grant:

Maureen Dimeck	\$48,263
Carol Oliver	\$16,327

#24 RESOLVED that the Board approve the travel maximum per the amounts below:

General Fund	\$10,000
IDEA	\$6,000

#25 RESOLVED that the Board approve canceling the unexpended capital project balance relating to the 1997 referendum in the amount of \$5,812.90 and transferring to the general fund.

#26 RESOLVED that the Board accept the 2010-2011 CAFRA Report ending June 30, 2011 As prepared by Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, CPA's.

#27 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Corrective Action Plan for the audit year ended June 30, 2011. As attached.

#28 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check list in the following amount:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$2,259,634.70	Vendor Check	December 9, 2011

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-6**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

#1 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Jorge Mesa** and **Darrell West** as substitute custodians at a salary of \$18.00 per hour pending criminal history background check for the 2011-2012 school year.

#2 RESOLVED that the Board rescind the resignation of William Dietsch, Special Education, HBW, effective January 13, 2012.

#3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve resignation of William Dietsch, Special Education, HBW effective December 31, 2011.

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following **Substitute Teacher** for the 2011-2012 school year:

Substitute Teachers					
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience
Ahmad	Adam	K-12 County	Montclair State Univ.	BS	-

Special Education and Extra-curricular

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve an extension of the following student for home instruction.

Student ID #	School	Grade	Hrs/Wk	Duration
060304	FNB	1	10hrs/wk	ending January 27, 2012

The student will also continue with one hour per week of occupational therapy and one hour per week of physical therapy.

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve homeschooled students to participate in athletic teams at VHS provided parents follow and adhere to NJSIAA guidelines.

Public comment

- Question on fourth grade student at Laning

The Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
 Board Secretary**